

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE CENTRAL BUSINESS
DISTRICT/BEDFORD-WEST URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND
RELOCATION PROGRAM TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND TO THE DIVISION OF
URBAN RENEWAL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority has approved an Urban Renewal Plan for the Central Business District/Bedford-West Project Area, which Plan is dated January, 1973, and consists of a title page, two pages of table of contents, 18 pages of text and 4 maps; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, which is the duly designated and official planning board for the City of Boston, has found that said Urban Renewal Plan is based on a local survey and conforms to a comprehensive plan of the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Urban Renewal Plan by the Mayor of the City of Boston, Boston City Council and Division of Urban Renewal of the State Department of Community Affairs is required under State law before an Urban Renewal Plan can be undertaken and carried out;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED:

That the Director of the Authority is hereby authorized to submit to the Mayor, for his submission to the City Council, and to the Division of Urban Renewal of the State Department of Community Affairs, for their approval and appropriate findings, the Central Business District/Bedford-West Urban Renewal Plan, together with the Relocation Program and such other material as the Director deems advisable.

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Boston Redevelopment Authority

From: Robert T. Kenney, Director

Date: 8 February 1973

Subject: CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT/BEDFORD-WEST
URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

The staff of the Boston Redevelopment Authority has completed the Urban Renewal Plan for the Central Business District/Bedford-West Urban Renewal Area and the required supporting documentation. This Plan is being presented today for your formal consideration and approval.

On August 2, 1967, following a public hearing, the Authority approved the Plan for the entire Central Business District Project and forwarded it to the Mayor and City Council for approval. The Council held public hearings in November, 1967. During these hearings, discussions between the BRA and the HUD Regional Office revealed that HUD would be unable, at that time, to commit the total requested Federal Capital Grant. However, HUD did advise the BRA to prepare smaller renewal projects within the CBD, based on actions already undertaken through the Early Land Acquisition Program. The City Council approved the CBD Plan on December 11, 1967, with the understanding that the BRA would proceed to develop plans for the smaller projects in accordance with HUD's request and would return to the City Council for appropriate action on the new project areas.

The Bedford-West Urban Renewal Project has been discussed with HUD and informal agreement has been reached on its acceptability under the present policies and goals of the HUD program. The Plan is in complete harmony with the overall CBD plan.

The Bedford-West Project contains one property (R. H. White building) which was purchased in 1967 as an early land acquisition as part of the overall CBD Plan.

The property's initial function was a relocation resource for temporary relocation for the Central Business District. Nearly all the businesses located in the building have vacated, and the remainder are in the process of moving out.

The Plan proposes the disposition of the property for new development combining retail/commercial and/or office space with consumer parking for the Central Business District. Developers will be solicited as soon as the project is approved.

Net project cost is estimated at \$5,400,000. The local share will be made up of excess credits from other projects.

Since a major public hearing previously has been held by the BRA on the overall CBD Plan, and since the statutory public hearing will be called by the City Council, I do not propose that another BRA hearing be held at this time.

The attached Resolutions are in the Federally-required form, and I recommend their adoption:

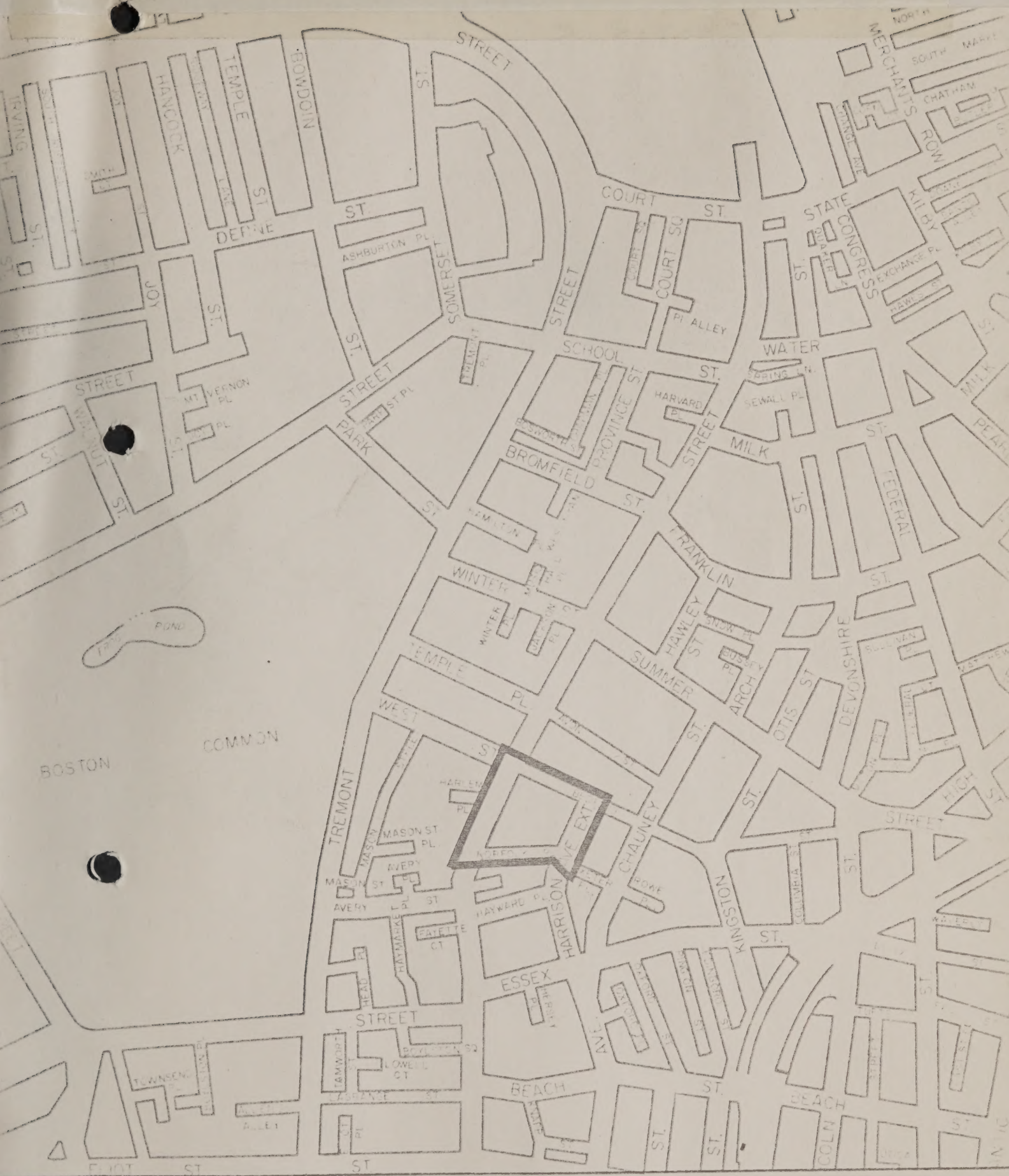
(1) Resolution approving the Urban Renewal Plan and the Relocation Program.

(2) Resolution authorizing transmittal of the Plan and Relocation Program to the Mayor and City Council and to the Massachusetts Department of Community Affairs.

(3) Resolution authorizing execution of a Cooperation Agreement between the Authority and the City of Boston, with the proposed Cooperation Agreement attached.

(4) Resolution respecting the condition of the Project Area and the Clearance Area, together with the Project Area Report.

ALL FEASIBLE MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT.



CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
BEDFORD - WEST URBAN RENEWAL AREA

